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FOR MRS. ELMER ROSS

STAR ROUTE

LOWVILLE, NY 13367

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES (ALEXANDER ELMER BLACK)

SUBJ: ALEXANDER ELMER BLACK

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR NEPHEW ALEXANDER ELMER BLACK. CAPTAIN BAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN PUSAN INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT SEOUL ON 9/3/76 OF HIS DEATH IN PUSAN.

2. YOUR NEPHEW HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS AMERICAN PASSPORT.

3. AS WE ARE UNAWARE OF MR. BLACK'S MARITAL STATUS WE WISH YOU WOULD ASSIST US IN LOCATING HIS LEGAL NEXT-OF-KIN.

4. THE U.S. ARMY HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THIS TIME. THE EMBASSY WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHETHER OR NOT MR. BLACK'S NEXT-OF-KIN WISH TO HAVE HIS REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE IN CALIFORNIA REQUIRES A DEPOSIT OF \$1,500. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$250. THE COST OF CREMATION IS \$2.50. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

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6. AFTER THE NEXT-OF-KIN HAVE MADE THEIR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, SEOUL, KOREA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS . INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. B) TELEGRAPH FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH EITHER THE BANK OF AMERICA OR CHASE MANHATTAN AT SEOUL PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY SEOUL, KOREA. C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 6 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS. IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT-OF-KIN.

8. U.S. ARMY AUTHORITIES REQUEST PERMISSION TO CONDUCT AN AUTOPSY. IF NEXT-OF-KIN GRANTS PERMISSION, PLEASE INDICATE SO IN REPLY CABLE.

9. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
AMEMBASSY SEOUL, KOREA
SNEIDER

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